



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH CITY OF BINGHAMTON

William Berg, City Council President
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk

MINUTES

City Council Business Meeting
Council Chambers, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, N.Y.
Wednesday February 18, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by Council President Berg at 6:31pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Berg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jerry Motsavage, Joseph Mihalko, Teri Rennia, Chris Papastrat, John Matzo, Bill Berg

Absent: Lea Webb

Also in attendance: Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk; Tito Martinez, Deputy City Clerk; Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the Business Meeting held Wednesday February 4, 2015.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Voice vote, none opposed.

Motion to approve the minutes from the Municipal & Public Affairs Committee meeting held on Tuesday February 17, 2015.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Voice vote, none opposed.

Councilwoman Rennia noted for the record that the Municipal and Public Affairs Committee will hold a meeting on March 2, 2015 at 5:00pm regarding the City noise ordinance. This meeting will be located in the City Council Work Room, located through the City Clerk's Office, 38 Hawley Street Binghamton, NY 13901. For more information please contact the City Clerk by phone at 607-772-7005 or by email at clerk@cityofbinghamton.com.

Motion to approve the appointment of Dara Silberstein to the Human Rights Commission for a one year term as City Councils Ex-Officio representative.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Voice vote, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS

Sherry Eaton¹, Mary Webster²

¹ I would like to go on record as opposing plans to convert metrocenter into a 10 space parking lot. I would rather see an attractive green and pedestrian space for this public courtyard -

Sherry Eaton
Garland Gallery



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please read this into the record this evening.

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I respectfully request that you table the proposed legislation to build a parking lot in front of the Metrocenter Mall and start exploring ways to create a public space in that prime downtown area that everyone can enjoy, without the distraction of gasoline fumes.

Improve the parking ramps. That will be money well spent, and it will definitely encourage more people to come downtown. But please, do not spend \$350,000 to create 10 parking spaces, even before we have completed the master parking plan. That is a short-sighted solution to our parking situation and one that I am convinced you will come to regret.

Small cities all over the country are discovering that creating public space in a walkable downtown is sound business strategy. Those ten parking spaces are not going to bring me downtown. But tables and benches for sitting outside or an outdoor space for entertainment in a suitably landscaped environment (that means no cars) will tempt me for sure.

You are making great things happen in downtown Binghamton these days. Please let a vibrant public space in front of the Metrocenter, downtown Binghamton's very own "pocket park", be one of them.

Sincerely,

Mary Webster
12 Edwards Street
Binghamton, New York 13905

FIRST READING LEGISLATION

Introductory Ordinance 15-7. Considered in Finance, Chair: Motsavage

An Ordinance authorizing various transfers in the 2014 Parking Ramps Budget
Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by .

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 15-7. (Vote 5-1-1)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: Renna

Absent: Webb

Introductory Ordinance 15-8. Considered in Finance, Chair: Motsavage

An Ordinance the issuance of \$14,463,150 in serial bonds to finance 2015 capital projects

1. Motion to declare City Council as Lead Agency.
Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Matzo.
Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg
Nays: Renna
Absent: Webb



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2. Motion to declare Introductory Ordinance 15-8 as a Type II Action, excluding the New York Rising Storm and Sanitary Separation Project, under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act.
Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Mihalko.
Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg
Nays: Rennia
Absent: Webb
 3. Motion to declare Introductory Ordinance 15-8, as it pertains to the New York Rising Storm and Sanitary Separation Project, as an Unlisted Action, under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act.
Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Matzo.
Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg
Nays: Rennia
Absent: Webb
 4. As the Ordinance pertains to the New York Rising Storm and Sanitary Separation Project, motion to declare that there will be no significant, adverse environmental impact because: The purpose of this project is to provide storm and sanitary separation as part of the Front Street Gateway Project. It has been approved by NYS Department of Transportation and FHA. There is no indication of any potential negative environmental impacts. To the contrary, the project will provide for improved sewer service and flood mitigation.
Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Mihalko.
Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg
Nays: Rennia
Absent: Webb
 5. **Point of Order.** Council President Berg stepped down from the President's chair to speak on the legislation. Majority Leader Rennia took Council President Berg's place. Council President Berg resumed the President's chair.
 6. Motion to approve legislation.
Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Matzo.
Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 15-8. (Vote 5-1-1)
Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg
Nays: Rennia
Absent: Webb

Introductory Ordinance 15-9. Considered in Employees, Chair: Webb

An Ordinance establishing and funding a Police Officer position in the Police Department 2015 budget, temporarily increasing the total number of Police Officers from 138 to 140

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Mihalko.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 15-9. (Vote 6-0-1)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: Webb

Introductory Resolution 15-8. Considered in Finance, Chair: Motsavage



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A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with GHD Consultants to complete Work Order #6 for the BAF Restoration and Rehabilitation project at the JSTP

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Mihalko.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 15-10. (Vote 5-1-1)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: Rennia

Absent: Webb

Introductory Resolution 15-9. Considered in Finance, Chair: Motsavage

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a no cost agreement with Delta Engineers for an extension of construction and inspection services for the Exchange St Bridge Rehabilitation Project (PIN 9753.10)

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Mihalko.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 15-9. (Vote 6-0-1)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: Webb

Introductory Resolution 15-10. Considered in Finance, Chair: Motsavage

A Resolution authorizing various amendments to the 2015 tax rolls for properties owned by Brome County

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Mihalko.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 15-10. (Vote 6-0-1)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: Webb

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Matzo, Papastrat, Webb, Berg

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:24pm.

Moved by Papastrat, seconded by Motsavage.

Voice vote, none opposed.